Consumption of illicit liquor in Delhi and steps to prevent it

3939. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:

Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of persons died in the National Capital Territory of Delhi on the eve of and after the Holi festival due to consumption of illicit liquor;

(b) if so, number of persons died, lost their vision or fell seriously ill due to consumption of such liquor; and

(c) the effective steps being taken to prevent such hooch-related deaths in the capital in particular and the country in general?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. According to the available information, 7 persons had died and 3 persons were taken ill in J.J. Colony, Shakurpur, Delhi due to consumption of liquor on the eve and after Holi festival i.e. on 24th March, 1997.

(c) The Ministry of Welfare is implementing a Scheme for Prohibition and Drug Abuse Prevention, wherein grant-in-aid is released to the NGOs for creating awareness and educating people about the ill effects of alcoholism, setting up/maintenance of De-addiction-cum-Rehabilitation Centres etc. The Ministry has also launched a multi-media campaign through different media channels such as Press, Print, Electronic Media, Films etc. to create awareness and sensitivity amongst the people on alcoholism. In addition, the Police Authorities have reportedly intensified patrolling, intelligence network, surveillance etc. to monitor smuggling/sale of unauthorised liquor.

Request to include Rawalta and Jaunpuri castes of Uttaranchal in ST List

3940. DR. RANBIR SINGH:
SHRI RAM NATH KOVIND:

Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether some requests to include Rawalta and Jaunpuri castes of Uttaranchal in Uttar Pradesh in Scheduled Tribe List have been received;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government have taken any action on these requests; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA): (a) and (b) Claims have been received for inclusion of Rawalta and Jaunpuri communities in the list of Scheduled Tribes of Uttar Pradesh.

(c) and (d) These claims are being examined in consultation with the State Government and other agencies the National Commission for SC & ST and RGI.

वक्फ बोर्ड की परिसम्पत्तियों की बिक्री और अतिक्रमण की घटना

3941. **श्री ईश दत्त यादव:**

श्री नागमणि:

क्या कल्याण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार देश में वक्फ बोर्ड की परिसम्पत्तियों की बिक्री और अतिक्रमण की किसी घटना से अवगत है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो ऐसी घटनाओं का जो विगत तीन वर्षों के दौरान देश में घटी है, राज्यवार ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(ग) इस संबंध में दोषी पाए गए व्यक्तियों की संख्या कितनी है तथा उनके विरुद्ध की गई कार्यवाही का राज्य-वार ब्यौरा क्या है?

कल्याण मंत्री (श्री बलवंत सिंह रामूवालिया): (क) से (ग) सूचना एकत्र की जा रही है तथा प्राप्त होते ही सभा पटल पर रख दी जाएगी।

उत्तर प्रदेश के कुमाऊं मंडल के "तराई" क्षेत्र में बस गए बंगाली हिन्दू शरणार्थियों को अनुसूचित जाति के अंतर्गत लाना

3942. **श्री मनोहर कान्त ध्यानी:** क्या कल्याण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या विभाजन के समय उत्तर प्रदेश के कुमाऊं मंडल में बस गए ज्यादातर बंगाली हिन्दू शरणार्थियों "नव शूद्र" जाति से संबंधित है;